

WICHITA AUDUBON SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22



45TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WICHITA AUDUBON SOCIETY & CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER

This report highlights the activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Chaplin Nature Center is owned and operated by the Wichita Audubon Society, with operations directed by the CNC committee of the board of directors.

MEETINGS

The July picnic was our first in-person meeting in over a year. Held in the Chisholm Creek Park picnic shelter, we had great attendance as everyone was excited to be able to get together again. We didn't feel it was as safe to get together indoors, so the first three meetings were streamed online.

In September we had Todd Volkman, Exhibit Caretaker at the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit, who told us about the exhibit and its history. October had Lyndzee Rhine from KDWP tell us about mushrooms and the influence of fungus on evolution. In November we had Dr. Jackie Augustine, director of Audubon of Kansas, who talked about declining bird populations and ways we could help reverse that trend.

In January we decided it was safe to resume live meetings, although the programs were still live-streamed. Schanee Anderson, Curator of Education



MEETINGS, CONTINUED

at the Sedgwick County Zoo, was our first in-person presenter, telling us about the Kansas Box Turtle Project. In February our own Rachel Roth told us about the Cerrado, the savannah of Brazil, with many similarities to the prairies of Kansas. John Gallagher, director of Dillon Nature Center, was our March speaker. He told us about the science of



nature's influence on our health and wellbeing. April brought us Emily Ostrow, a KU PhD candidate telling us about genetic and morphological diversity in Great Horned Owls and in the lice that live on their feathers. In May we heard from Laura Mendenhall about introducing native plants into our home landscapes to benefit wildlife.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips also returned to normal this year. Our 2nd Saturday bird walks in Chisholm Creek Park



continued to be very popular. Sometimes there were so many people we split into two groups.

We started in September with our annual trip to Quivira NWR and Cheyenne Bottoms for shorebird migration. Thirteen people joined in for lots of Sanderlings and a Sora strolling through the cattails. In October fourteen of us visited Slate Creek Marsh. We found several LeConte's Sparrows but missed on Nelson's. In November we birded El Dorado Lake. Not a lot of waterfowl, but a lot of sparrows and other passerines.



In January we went to Cheney Reservoir for waterfowl and gulls. In February we birded the Tropics building at the Sedgwick County Zoo. About thirty people came to enjoy the exotic birds and warm temperatures.

We were able to resume our extended field trips with an excursion to Western Kansas in late March. Sixteen spent three days starting with two Whooping Cranes at Cheyenne Bottoms. In Garden City we saw the famous Brown-headed Nuthatch at the Shane's home, plus a flock of more than a



thousand Long-billed Curlews outside of town. We went to blinds for Greater and Lesser Prairie Chickens, and visited Monument Rocks, Little Jerusalem State Park, and ended at Scott Lake.

In April we explored the Cross Timbers region on the backroads of Chautauqua County. We didn't find our target Yellow-throated Warbler but found lots of other species. In May we went east again to explore Woodson County where we found 15 species of warblers. Our field trip season ended with a walk in late June at Chisholm Creek Park for wildflowers and butterflies.



CITIZEN SCIENCE & SERVICE PROJECTS

For our Arkansas City butterfly count in July finds all the butterflies in a 15-mile diameter circle. This is a project of the North American Butterfly Society. This

year we found 33 species. During Fall Nature Day at Chaplin Nature Center we tag monarch butterflies for Monarch Watch. This year 89 people learned how to catch and tag the butterflies and tagged 70 of them.

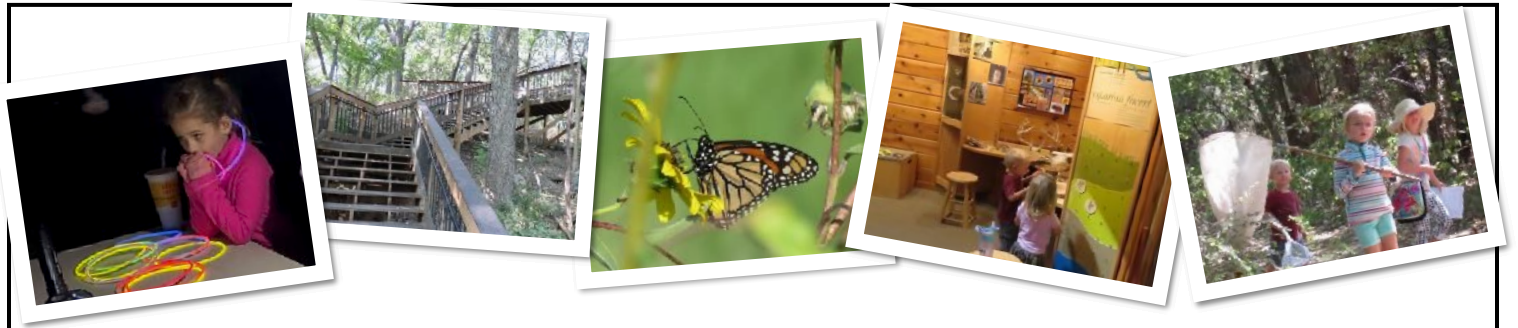
In October and April we have trash pickups in Chisholm Creek Park after the 2nd Saturday bird walks. We are joined by the Wichita Independent Special Olympics team.

Wichita Audubon sponsors and supports Christmas bird counts in Wichita, Winfield, Oxford, Arkansas City, Marion, Red Hills, El Dorado and Sedan. Plus



our members participated in many more. The counts this year were still less social than in the days before Covid, with no gatherings for compiling results at the end of the day. But they were all completed successfully, with the results reported to both the National Audubon Society and the Kansas Ornithological Society.





4,511 visitors for 2021-22

Shawn Silliman, our naturalist, presented programs for 68 groups, reaching 1,345 people. There were seven public programs, beginning with the Butterfly Count

in July, and Fall Nature Day in September. The Full Moon Walk/Run was held in October and a Night Hike in November. Bald Eagle hikes were taken in January and

February, plus viewing a Bald Eagle nest in March and kayaking on the Arkansas River in June. Volunteers donated 567 hours of their time. Four groups totaling 140

people used the nature center for weddings, business meetings and reunions.

Chaplin Nature Center

The New House

Thanks to our benefactor Wallace Champeny, who remembers us with a substantial bequest, we were able to build a new house for Shawn and Susan. It took almost a year to complete, but it is finally done and they are all moved in.



Groups utilizing CNC included Oxford School, Conway Springs High School, USD 470 Arkansas City, Udall Schools, Women Hiking KS & Beyond, Derby Recreation Center, Cowley County Community College, Independent School of Wichita, Winfield Garden Club, KS County Weed Directors, Arkansas City Home School, KS Association of Retired School Personnel, Trinity Lutheran School, Arkansas City Scouts, Wellington Christian Academy, Four County Mental Health, Winfield Home School, Wood Child Care.

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We could never do all we do without the generosity of all of you!

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Patty Marlett, Wichita, KS



Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2022

Profit & Loss Statement

Ordinary Income

Membership Dues	4,900
Contributions	21,207
Sales/Rental/Misc	1,917
Birdathon	6,947
Bequests	183,589
<u>Gross Income</u>	<u>\$218,560</u>

Expense

Fund raising/Program/Misc	247
Office Supplies/Postage	1,742
Printing/Copying	4,652
Accounting	1,585
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$8,226</u>

CNC Expense

CNC Programs	875
CNC Insurance	6,964
Office Expense	921
Telephone	301
Utilities	5,754
Employee Compensation	47,452
Employment Tax	3,283
Repairs & Maintenance	14,044
Depreciation	31,206
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$110,809</u>
<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$119,035</u>

Other Income/Expense

Interest & Dividends	8,908
Capital Gain (realized)	24,813
Capital Gains (unrealized)	-142,516
Fees	-2,066
<u>Net Other Income</u>	<u>\$110,861</u>

Net Income -\$11,336

Balance Sheet

Assets

Current Assets	
Checking/savings	47,397
Petty Cash - CNC	100
<u>Total Checking/Savings</u>	<u>\$47,497</u>

Other Current Assets	
Inventory	69
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	<u>\$47,566</u>

Fixed Assets	
CNC Land	75,231
CNC Buildings	339,058
CNC Furniture/Equipment	15,029
<u>Total Fixed Assets</u>	<u>\$439,318</u>

Endowment Funds

Endowment Funds Raymond James	693,923
<u>Total Endowment funds</u>	<u>\$693,923</u>

Total Assets \$1,180,807

Liabilities & Equity

Total Current Liabilities	653
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Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	15,329
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	575,914
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	178,009
Unrestricted Net Assets	512,896
Net Income	-11,336
<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>1,180,807</u>

Total Liabilities & Equity \$1,180,807

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